

19. (AMENDED) A tube comprising:
an underlying metal tubing; and
an outer epoxy coating containing plastic particles mixed into an epoxy paint,
and said plastic particles in said outer epoxy coating form a crust, and wherein an
intermediate substrate layer is placed between said metal tubing and said coating.

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claims 15, 16, 19 and 20 are being dependent on a rejected base claim, but stated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1. As claim 16 depends on claim 15, claim 16 is also allowable. Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 8. As claim 20 depends on claim 19, claim 20 is also allowable. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, 17 and 18 have been cancelled.

Thus, claims 15, 16, 19 and 20 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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